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I noted on Friday morning that new flags have been place in the small holders in Memorial Park. I didn't locate Paul Mullally at the Post Office to find out if he was responsible. That is one of the things that I must do on my visit in Carbondale on April 29-30-May 1-2.

I had copies of the WPA Geographical History made up and gave one copy to Joe Pascoe to give to Teresa Bomba at the Carbondale Area High School and gave one copy to John Brennan to give to the Librarian at Sacred Heart.

Tom Brennan has not yet had the Mitchell Hose Company post card that I sent him copied. He is working on it.

Tom Brennan reported that Joe Burrell has the new lancet windows ready and they will be installed "soon."

I showed the McDade letter that I wrote to the group, also the Inner-City Ventures loan/grant form that I filled out.

Tom Brennan reported that new hands for the clock will be made soon.

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So many things have happened since April 30-May 2 that I am at the moment at a loss as to where to begin. Today is May 13th and if I do not put to paper what happened during my last visit to Carbondale, I will never be able to sort it all out. Getting the 3:15 P.M. bus was no problem. I have gotten rather proficient at getting everything done on schedule. Once on the bus I luxuriated in the fact that I could relax and that I did. WSP was waiting, naturally. He parked the car out by the loading platforms and not in the parking lot by the front of the building. Before I got into the car he told me to look over the retaining wall at the end of the platforms. There, to his pleasure and to mine, were lots of wild violets growing by the side of the wall. Blue ones, just like the ones that used to grow in the orchard behind WAR's hen houses. There the violets grew beautifully because, as HLRP says, the pig manure was good for them. It was odd to attend a meeting of the CRCCH and to have it daylight at 7:30. The last meeting must have been the first meeting after the clocks were turned ahead one hour. I arrived just at 7:30 P.M. and several of my colleagues were there: Rev. Pullis, Joe Pascoe, Rob Lewis, John Revak, John Buberniak, Tom Brennan, David Baum. Neither David nor I was able to attend the meeting in Carlisle on historic preservation legislation on May 1 and I asked John Revak if he would be interested in attending. He was pleased to be asked but said that he could not attend. David announced that he had attended a meeting at which the subject of the Department of Community Affairs' Small Communities Program was on the agenda and that he had arranged for a film screening to take place in Council Chambers on May 18th. He has invited people from the YMCA as well. A representative of the Department of Community Affairs will be there to show the film on the new Small Cities Block Grant Program--money seems to be available for Housing, Commercial Revitalization, Economic Development and Community Facilities. The CRCCH will have to get state and/or federal money in order to accomplish its goals. The Small Cities Block Grant Program will be organized by late summer and the DCA will then invite applications. We must be ready. We chatted briefly about the idea of a downtown Carbondale historic district and at that point DJB announced that he had to go to a meeting of the Pioneer Days Committee but that he would return and he invited us to discuss the educational and historical activities that will take place in August and to discuss the downtown historic district idea. Rev. Pullis suggested that Kay and Ollie Shifler had a lot of slides and that they would make an interesting show and that the Shiflers showed their slides around. I said that I would write the Shiflers a letter and I did. Rev. Pullis then suggested that we have reenacted scenes of historical interest about the City of Carbondale and that we use the theatre people in Carbondale to put on the scenes: Joseph DeMark from the Northern Star group, Tom Rinaldi from the Encore Theatre group and Barbara Arabio from the West Side Players. I have yet to get in touch with any of them, but I will do so. Rev. Pullis and all Baptists, apparently (hasty generalization), seem to like the idea of "tableaux vivants"--witness the "tableaux vivants" that have appeared in the course of the history of the Berean Baptist Church. Rev. Pullis suggests that we have several scenes acted out around Carbondale. For some reason, I am having difficulty getting comfortable with the idea, but it will have to be investigated. Theatre people are so aggressive and so enthusiastic that the idea should work. It is just a matter of getting the right people involved. DJB reported that the Tom T. Hall show that the Pioneer Days Committee sponsored lost over eight thousand dollars. The PDC will doubtless be very enthusiastic about having the CRCCH involved in the week's activities and we must produce an action-packed historical and educational week. We agreed to have a work session on Saturday--only John Buberniak and John Revak and I showed up--also that fellow from Canaan Street (Joe Kelly ?)